

**CWVV**  
**FACT SHEET 01-26**

**The Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV)**  
**Healthcare Program**

**What is the CWVV Healthcare Program?**

The CWVV Healthcare Program is a federal health benefits program administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs for children with certain birth defects born to women Vietnam veterans. The CWVV Program is a Fee for Service (indemnity plan) program. The CWVV Program provides reimbursement for conditions associated with certain birth defects except spina bifida, which is covered under the VA's Spina Bifida Program.

**Who is eligible for the CWVV Healthcare Program?**

Children whose mother is a Vietnam veteran, and who have one of the covered birth defects as determined by the Veterans Benefits Administration are eligible for the program. There is no age limit on benefits for this program.

**How do I enroll in the CWVV Healthcare Program?**

To be eligible for the CWVV Healthcare Program, eligibility must first be established for a monetary award under the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). VA Regional Offices make the determination regarding that entitlement. Once a monetary award is made by the VBA, the Health Administration Center is provided that information by VBA and enrollment in the CWVV Healthcare Program is automatic.

**Is preauthorization required for services?**

Preauthorization is required for the following services:

- dental services,
- durable medical equipment with a total rental or purchase price in excess of \$300
- mental health services,
- organ transplants,
- substance abuse treatment,
- training of family members,
- travel (other than mileage for local travel).

### **How do I request preauthorization?**

Requests may be made by fax (303-331-7807) or in writing to the VA Health Administration Center, P.O. Box 469027, Denver, CO 80246-0027. If the preauthorization relates to a medical service or supply, the medical provider should submit the request.

### **What does the CWVV Healthcare Program pay for services?**

In most cases, the CWVV Healthcare Program pays equivalent MEDICARE rates. There are no co-pays or deductible for beneficiaries, CWVV Healthcare Program pays 100% of the allowable charge.

### **How quickly does the CWVV Healthcare Program pay claims?**

Normally, 95 percent of claims for services are paid within 30 days of receipt.

### **How do I get more information?**

- Check our web site at [www.va.gov/hac](http://www.va.gov/hac), select CWVV
- Write us at P.O. Box 469027, Denver, CO 80246-9027
- E-mail us at [hac.inq@med.va.gov](mailto:hac.inq@med.va.gov)
- Call 1-888-820-1756, Monday-Friday from 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM and 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM Eastern Time.